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successor agency under Public Law 103–354 office.

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**EXHIBIT B TO SUBPART A OF PART 1951—  
NOTICE OF CHANGE IN INTEREST RATE**

(insert date)

*Notice of Change in Interest Rate*

(insert borrower's address)

Re: ☐ ☐

Fund code

☐ ☐

Loan number

☐ ☐

Kind code

Dear (insert borrower's name and case number): Your promissory note dated \_\_\_\_\_, for the original amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) provides for a change in interest rate for a limited resource loan in accordance with the Farmers Home Administration or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 regulations.

Effective (insert date) the interest rate on this loan will be \_\_\_\_\_ percent ( % ) on the unpaid principal balance. Your installment due January 1, 19 \_\_\_\_\_, will be \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_). This change in interest rate is for the reason indicated below.

☐ Increase in repayment ability as per Farm and Home Plan dated \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ (insert reason if other than above for increase in interest rate).

You may appeal this action by writing to (hearing officer), (address), within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter, giving the reason why you believe this matter should be decided differently. This time may be extended if you cannot notify the hearing officer within 30 days for reasons beyond your control.

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**Subpart B [Reserved]**

**Subpart C—Offsets of Federal  
Payments to USDA Agency  
Borrowers**

**§ 1951.101 General.**

Federal debt collection statutes provide for the use of administrative, salary, and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offsets by government agencies, including the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Rural Housing Service (RHS) for its community facility program, and Rural Business-Cooperative Serv-

ice (RBS), herein referred to collectively as “United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agency,” to collect delinquent debts. Any money that is or may become payable from the United States to an individual or entity indebted to a USDA Agency may be subject to offset for the collection of a debt owed to a USDA Agency. In addition, money may be collected from the debtor's retirement payments for delinquent amounts owed to the USDA Agency if the debtor is an employee or retiree of a Federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service, the Postal Rate Commission, or a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or the Reserve. Amounts collected will be processed as regular payments and credited to the borrower's account. USDA Agencies will process requests by other Federal agencies for offset in accordance with § 1951.102 of this subpart. This subpart does not apply to direct single family housing loans, direct multi-family housing loans, and the Rural Utilities Service. Section 1951.136 of this subpart only applies to RHS for its community facility program and RBS for the offset of Federal payments. Nothing in this subpart affects the common law right of set off available to USDA Agencies.

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**§ 1951.102 Administrative offset.**

(a) *General.* Collections of delinquent debts through administrative offset will be taken in accordance with 7 CFR part 3, subpart B and § 1951.106.

(b) *Definitions.* In this subpart:

(1) *Agency* means Farm Service Agency, Farm Loan Programs; Rural Housing Service, except direct Single Family Housing loans and direct Multi-Family Housing loans; and Rural Business-Cooperative Service, or any successor agency.

(2) *Contracting officer* is any person who, by appointment in accordance with applicable regulations, has the authority to enter into and administer contracts and make determinations and findings with respect thereto. The term also includes the authorized representative of the contracting officer, acting within the limits of the representative's authority.

(3) *County Committee* means the local committee elected by farmers in the